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## REP. HERSETH JOINS RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND FOREST HEALTH

Jurisdiction Over Public Forest Lands Including the Black Hills National Forest February 9, 2005, Washington, DC – Rep. Stephanie Herseth has accepted a seat on the House Resources Subcommittee on Forests and Forests Health, which has jurisdiction over public forest lands including the Black Hills National Forest. Rep. Herseth also served on this subcommittee during the 108th Congress.

Herseth sought and received this subcommittee assignment because it will allow her to play a more direct role in determining smart and practical management strategy for the Black Hills National Forest.

Herseth said, "I am pleased to continue my work on the Resources committee, and on this subcommittee, which gives me a great opportunity to be an advocate for the Black Hills National Forest. I am committed to working in a bipartisan way to enact practical forest policy that makes sense for the Black Hills."

Last year, Rep. Herseth fought against efforts to delay implementation of the Bush administration's policy to streamline forest planning. She also voted against banning snowmobiles from Yellowstone National Park.

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